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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Claims 1, 2, 6-20, and 22-25 are currently pending. Claims 3-5 and 21 were previously cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 1 and 2 are currently amended. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Office Action's allowance of claim 25, and indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 2, 6-20, and 22-24. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 6-20, and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With respect to claim 1, the Office Action indicated that the claim should be rewritten to reflect that "the tray bay element is interconnected to the fence and the filling device and not the reservoir at all times." The Office Action further indicated that in claim 1, the "opening of the tray bay should be limited to itself and not related to the reservoir

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other than providing access to a reservoir coupled to the tray bay.” Solely to further prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to recite that “the first reservoir [is] adapted to couple with, and uncouple from, the tray bay element,” and the “fence elements interconnect[] the tray bay element and the device that alters the level of the receptacles.” Further, claim 1 has been amended to recite that “the tray bay element is adapted to open and close in order to provide access to the inwardly directed side of the first reservoir.” In view of these amendments to claim 1, the Applicant requests that the indefiniteness rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 2, the Office Action indicated that it is unclear whether tray bay elements are associated with the second, third, and fourth reservoirs. Solely to further prosecution, claim 2 has been amended to recite “second, third, and fourth tray bay elements adapted to couple with, and uncouple from, the second, third, and fourth reservoirs, respectively,” wherein “the fence elements interconnect the tray bay element, the second tray bay element, the third tray bar element, the fourth tray bay element. . . .” Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the indefiniteness rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

With respect to claims 8, 10, 11, and 12, the Office Action indicated that the reservoir cannot be mobile if interconnected to the fencing elements. Claims 8, 10, 11, and 12 depend variously from claim 1, which has been amended to clarify that the tray bay element, and not the first reservoir itself, is interconnected with the fence elements. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the indefiniteness rejection of claims 8, 10, 11, and 12 be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 6, 7, 9, 13-20, and 22-24 based on their dependency

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from claim 1. In view of the aforementioned amendments to claim 1, the Applicant requests that the indefiniteness rejection of these dependant claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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